SUBJECT No. 392.

Increased Police staff to remove disturbance to cart traffic on Hassan-Arsikere road.

Mr. Balavanta Rao, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There seems to be a gang of rogues who follow the laden carts from Arsikere to Hassan side during nights; and when the town limits are crossed the bales of piece-goods are cut open and contents removed. It is therefore solicited that either some extra Police Stations be opened or the number of Police staff increased with a view to minimise the number of crimes occurring so frequently of late.

Reply of Government.—The Inspector-General of Police is contemplating a re-distribution of the Police Force for the Hassan District. Till the revised arrangements are effected, the Inspector-General of Police will be asked to take steps to establish two or more ookads to guard the road efficiently.

SUBJECT No. 393.

Reduction in the number of weekly fairs in the Hassan Taluk.

Messrs. Venkatarangaiya and Shroff Dharmappa, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The weekly fairs which are being held at short distances from the town of Hassan decrease the import of articles into the town and consequently local merchants sell their scanty stock at higher prices in opportune times. This causes hardship to the people and also lessens the Municipal revenue. The number of weekly fairs in the Hassan Taluk with the exception of the two important fairs may therefore be reduced.

Reply of Government.—The District Board is against such abolition, but a suggestion will be made to raise market fees for effecting improvements.

SUBJECT No. 394.

Construction of a musafirkhana near Kattaya Police Station.

Mr. Narana Iyengar, Hassan Taluk

Summary of discussion.—A musafirkhana near the Kattaya Station is a necessity, as it is on the high road leading to the weekly fairs at Hassan, Alur and Manjarabad. It is also a thoroughfare from Hassan to Arkalgud, Periyapatna and other places. The construction of a musafirkhana may therefore be ordered.

Reply of Government.—Funds are not available.

SUBJECT No. 395.

Octroi duty in Hassan town.

Mr. Venkatarangaiya, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Some of the articles on which Octroi duty is levied in Hassan Municipality are not subjected to the duty in Alur town. This has given occasion to smuggling, for merchants bring those articles on which no duty is imposed at Alur into the Hassan town unseen and escape the levy of duty. As this has crippled the Municipal revenue of Hassan town, all the articles subjected to duty in Hassan may also be subjected to duty in Alur.

Reply of Government.—Will be dealt with by the District Board.

SUBJECT No. 396.

Grant of permission to build houses in villages.

Mr. Balavanta Rao, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—People of various villages in the Arsikere Taluk represented to me that licenses for building houses in villages are not disposed of with ease and for years together. The Government may be pleased